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# RAF Releases 11-Ton Bombs On Rail Spans

### British and American Fliers Team Up for Heavy Blow at Nazis

London, March 19 (UP)—Strong forces of American and British bombers dropped heavy loads of bombs—some the new 11-ton super-bombs—on widely scattered parts of Germany today.

The bombardment hit Germany a day after the heaviest raid of the war on any single German city had wrecked and burned large sections of the concentrated war industries in and around Berlin.

More than 1,200 U. S. heavy bombers and upward of 600 fighters hit several targets today. They included a jet plane plant at Augsburg, 20 miles north of Augsburg, air fields near Neuburg and north of Muenchen and Leipzig near Ulm, industrial targets at Plauen west of Chemnitz in Saxony, and war factories at Jena, west of Leipzig.

### Viaducts Blasted

Lancasters of the RAF carted 11-ton and six-ton bombs to hit railway viaducts at Arnberg southeast of Hamm and in the area of Bielefeld in the Ruhr area. The record attack on Berlin by upwards of 2,000 American planes yesterday cost the Eighth air force 25 bombers and five fighters.

A communicative reviewing the Berlin raid revealed that the U. S. planes scattered 3,000 tons of bombs through most of the capital's industries and left them ablaze or littered with wreckage. Bombs blanketed the entire plant of the sprawling Rheinmetall-Borsig plant in the Tegel suburb of Berlin. It produces a wide variety of war materials, including tanks, guns, bombs, and torpedoes.

### Plant Damaged

Today's communicative said the plant was "severely damaged and set afire." It covers about 25 city blocks, and employs an estimated 25,000 persons.

"Large machine and assembly shops, smelting furnaces and forces were heavily hit by bombs which blanketed the entire plant," the communicative said. "There were large explosions, and when the bombers turned for home, buildings were burning throughout the target area."

The Borsig armored vehicle factory at Henningsdorf, another Berlin suburb, also suffered "heavy damages" to half the plant area.

In the heart of Berlin, heavy concentrations of bombs crashed in the area of the Schlesischer railway station, and hits were scored on the North station freight yards.

# Pope Makes Plea For Just Peace

Vatican City, March 19 (UP)—The three great leaders of the world had before them today an appeal by Pope Pius to show forbearance and understanding in forming a peace generous to all people in the light of their tragic war sufferings.

Never before have the sufferings of the peoples given them a greater right to benevolent consideration, the pontiff said in a speech yesterday from the central balcony of St. Peter's basilica.

An estimated 50,000 persons, including thousands of American soldiers who jammed the square, broke tradition repeatedly to interrupt the pope and shout acclaim when he referred to the coming peace.

### Pontiff Applauded

The applause was long when he implored all the people of the world to pray to the "almighty, who pardons all, so that he may aid suffering humanity and put an end to this horrible catastrophe and bring about a just and lasting peace."

In his message, which was divided equally between political and moral considerations, the pope also assailed war profiteers, particularly black market operators whose hands are "stained with the blood of widows and orphans."

### STORM WARNINGS UP

Portland, Ore., March 19 (UP)—The weather bureau announced today that southeast storm warnings on the Oregon and Washington coasts and in the inland waters of Washington would be changed at 1:30 p. m. to southwest warnings. The bureau said the warnings would be for 24 hours.

# 90 Inches of Snow Blankets Santiam; Highway Is Closed

### Willamette Route Is Also Reported in Grip Of Fierce Storm; Plows Work in High Areas

Both the north and south Santiam highways remained closed to traffic today as a result of heavy snow drifts, and state highway maintenance crews were having difficulty in keeping the Willamette highway open, according to reports to the local headquarters. This morning snow was reported falling hard on the Willamette artery, and plows were in operation.

Efforts were being made to open the Santiam routes, with the prospects that the northern route might be opened by evening. In the morning it was reported raining in this region, with slushy conditions reported prevailing.

### City Takes Stock Of Wind Damage

Bend today took stock of its damage caused by Saturday's gale, the worst in 15 years, and set about to repair damage, clear thoroughfares, remove fallen trees and right toppled telephone and power poles.

While the monetary loss was not great, linemen were kept busy trying to maintain both electric and telephone service, and householders were engaged in repairing roofs shattered by falling trees or ripped by the gusty winds.

William A. Lackaff, manager of the Pacific Power & Light company, reported that six power poles had been blown over by the wind, and that two transformers were ruined by the blow. One of these was on East First street and another on Scott street. A number of breaks occurred in the power transmission lines as a result of falling trees and limbs.

### Service Disrupted

The west side of the city suffered more from power disruption, the service being out from two to four hours. Service on the Butler road also was out for two hours.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company officials reported that there was considerable local damage, but that linemen were rapidly restoring conditions to normal. Falling trees were blamed for most of the damage to telephone lines, and temporary disruption of service, principally in Bend.

### Garage Hit

A survey of the city showed that the strong wind struck more heavily in the east side of the city, particularly east and along the railroad right-of-way. Here more trees were blown down than in any other section of Bend.

Two trees which fell at the rear of the Niswonger and Winslow funeral home narrowly missed the mortuary and demolished a garage in which Dr. G. W. Winslow was housing a boat.

In the yards of the local mills, considerable lumber was tossed around by the gale.

# Grosbeaks Here On Annual Visit

Birds that "blew into town" on the big wind of the past week-end included great flocks of grosbeaks, widely observed in Drake park and in other parts of Bend today greedily feasting on juniper berries. These birds, members of the finch family, annually arrive in Bend about this time of the year, and by some are considered harbingers of spring.

### TRAIN IS DELAYED

A derailed freight car on the North bank line of the S. P. & S. railroad, today delayed the arrival of mail for more than six hours, according to railroad officials here. The derailment caused a failure to make connections with the Oregon Trunk lines at Wishram, Wash., it was reported.

# Formosa Under Heavy Attack By U. S. Fliers; MacArthur Notes Continued Gains on Luzon

Manila, March 19 (UP)—American Liberators bombed Formosa for the fifth consecutive day Friday, unloading a record 300 tons of high explosives on the island fortress without interception, it was announced today.

More than 70 of the heavy bombers, flying from new Philippines bases, carried out the latest phase of the campaign to neutralize Formosa, only 700 miles southwest of Japan's home islands.

In the five days of raids, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's bombers have dumped a total of 825 tons of bombs on air bases and vital war plants on the island, vying strategically between the northwest corner of the Philippines and the China coast.

The Japanese failed to put up a single interceptor against the last attack, which started large fires at the Heito and Okayama air bases and the supply and repair

# Nazis in Flight From Saar

# U. S. PLANES RAID JAP CITIES

## Nagoya Afire As Sky Forts Hit 2nd Time

### Column of Smoke Rises 6000 Feet Over Factory Center; Carriers Used

By Frank Tremaine  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Guam, March 19 (UP)—Tokyo said wave after wave of U. S. navy planes attacked the factory-packed Osaka-Kobe area for at least nine hours today, sending a powerful carrier-based assault on Japan through its second straight day.

Only 85 miles to the east, Nagoya, Japan's biggest aircraft manufacturing center and third largest city, still was ablaze from a pre-dawn attack early yesterday by 325 to 350 Superfortresses, greatest B-29 armada of the war.

### Huge Fires Started

(A communique issued by the 20th air force in Washington said none of the giant bombers was lost "due to enemy action." Returning crewmen reported "huge fires in the industrial heart of the city with dense smoke rising to 6,000 feet." Fighter opposition was meager and ineffective, it said, but anti-aircraft fire was more intense than it was a week ago when Nagoya first was raided by a 300-plane force of B-29's.)

A Japanese communique issued shortly after 3 p. m. (Tokyo time) said carrier planes had been attacking the Manchuria district—Japanese name for the Osaka-Kobe area—and Shikoku island, to the southwest, since this morning.

### Japs Report Raids

Another Tokyo propaganda broadcast said the raids began at 5:30 a. m. and reported that Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands, also was under attack. Kyushu was the main target of a force estimated by Tokyo at 1,400 carrier planes yesterday.

The communique claimed that counter-attacking Japanese planes had sunk an aircraft carrier, a second aircraft carrier or battleship, one battleship or cruiser, and two destroyers in attacks on the American task force southeast of Kyushu yesterday.

Another aircraft carrier was damaged heavily, the communique said, and 46 planes shot down. Damage to ground installations in yesterday's eight-hour carrier raids on Kyushu, Shikoku and southeast Honshu was said to be "slight."

### Nip Cities Targets

Both Osaka and Kobe, identified by Tokyo as among today's targets, were blasted heavily last week by 300-plane armadas of Superfortresses. Osaka is Japan's second largest city and biggest war production center, while Kobe is her main port.

Huge fires were kindled in Nagoya, 165 miles west of Tokyo, by 2,500 tons or more of incendiaries dropped by the record fleet of Superfortresses yesterday. One Tokyo broadcast said the fires finally were brought under control after five and a half hours, but another indicated they still may not have been controlled.



Hardly able to move, a Jap soldier is lifted onto stretcher with aid of U. S. Marines on rocky side of Iwo Jima. The Nip had holed up in a cave for 10 days without food or water before giving himself up. Note Marine at upper right covering cave's entrance as security precaution. Marine Corps photo.

## Bills Analyzed By Legislator

Analyzing legislation of local interest, William Niskanen, Deschutes county representative at the Oregon state legislature, said today a bill providing for the creation of an additional senator from a new district comprised of Deschutes, Jefferson, Crook and Lake counties pending unanimous vote of the people as outstanding on the roster of Central Oregon measures.

If the bill passes the general vote, Niskanen revealed, steps will automatically be taken to install the 31st senator in the legislature at the next session.

In a statement on the longevity of the 43rd legislative assembly, Niskanen commented: "Criticism on the length of the session is not warranted when people realize that the economy of the state has become more complex with the growth of defense industries and the readjustments necessitated by war conditions. The majority of the members were conscientious in their efforts to support good legislation and very rarely did the session become argumentative."

### Army Approved

Second on the postwar planning memoranda will be the erection at Bend of an armory building, Niskanen said. The city of Baker rated first consideration by virtue of its partly-constructed building.

Stirring interest was the machinery provided by the legislature enabling counties to adopt at will the manager form of government. Applying to Central Oregon, the legislature carried a bill transferring the cost and maintenance of screens in irrigation ditches from individual districts to the fish and game department. Also passed were measures denoting Sparks lake strictly a fly-fishing area and opening Todd lake for all types of fishing.

The prohibition of motor boats on several smaller lakes in the county was passed following an appeal from the Deschutes County Sportsmen's association and the Bend chamber of commerce.

## 15 Yanks Killed In Span Collapse

Remagen, Germany, March 18 (Delayed) (UP)—A combination of early German demolition charges, a few indirect artillery hits and the strain of carrying a continuous stream of U. S. equipment was believed today to have caused the collapse of the Ludendorff bridge, America's first span across the Rhine.

(Allied supreme headquarters at Paris disclosed that the bridge, which collapsed Saturday, had since been almost repaired and was expected to be in operation again shortly.)

## Russian Forces Drive Wedge Into Nazi Fortress on Oder

### Zhukov Secures Flank for Assault on Berlin; Kolberg Taken By Reds; Baltic Coast Cleared

London, March 19 (UP)—Russian siege forces have driven a wedge almost a mile into the main defenses of Altdamm, fortress city on the east bank of the Oder before Stettin, the Germans reported today.

The soviet assault on the last German toehold east of the lower Oder at Altdamm entered its final phase. Russian victory there will secure Marshall Gregory K. Zhukov's flank for the big push on Berlin.

Moscow dispatches reported that after the capture of the big port of Kolberg, 63 miles northeast of Stettin, the Baltic coast was clear from Stettin bay to the suburbs of besieged Gdynia.

Soviet dispatches said fighting went unabated along the central Oder front before Berlin and in Silesia, although the red army command still withheld confirmation of nazi reports that the Russians were across the Oder in force and gathering strength for a frontal assault on the capital.

### Fresh Troops Used

Ernst Von Hammer, Berlin radio commentator, said Zhukov had thrown fresh infantry into the attack on the Altdamm bridgehead. The Russians attacked as many as 15 times in separate sectors before the town, Von Hammer said, "without forcing a substantial change in the tactical situation."

The troops drilling in from the southeast penetrated almost a mile into the main German fighting zone, Von Hammer said, adding the customary propaganda claim that they were sealed off.

In extreme southern Silesia, Von Hammer reported, a two-pronged battle between Breslau and Ratibor reached a climax. The Soviets kept on the pressure in attempts to link up armored forces advancing from the east and north.

The German were credited with violent attacks on the flanks of a Russian salient west of the Oder in the area of Oepell, south of Breslau.

### 15 Nippon Ships Bagged By Subs

Washington, March 19 (UP)—American submarines have sunk 15 more Japanese ships, including five combat vessels, the navy announced today.

The combat craft included three destroyers and two escort vessels. The victims were one large tanker, one large cargo transport, seven cargo vessels, and one medium transport.

## Yank Pincers Rapidly Close In Rhine Area

### U. S. Bombers Strike At Fleeing Foe; 1000 Vehicles Are Destroyed

Paris, March 19 (UP)—The German First and Seventh armies began a general retreat from the Saar-Palatinate triangle today under a rain of American air bombs and gunfire.

A gap of 40 miles or less remained open between the American Third and Seventh armies, closing in around the confused Germans from the north and south.

Inside the pocket, long columns of German troops and armor were reported streaming eastward toward the Rhine in a belated and apparently disorderly attempt to withdraw before the points of the American pincers close.

### Bombs Under Attack

American bombers attacked the packed roads at dawn. By mid-day the U. S. Ninth air force had sent more than 1,300 medium bombers and fighter-bombers against the fleeing nazis and the massed slaughter still was going on. Flying weather over the target area was perfect with indications that the number of sorties would be doubled by nightfall.

Returning fliers said the highways were black with German troops and civilians. The scenes were reminiscent of the German invasion of France in 1940, the fliers said.

About 1,000 nazi motor vehicles and 100 tanks or armored cars were destroyed or damaged yesterday. Today's toll promised to be greater.

### 80,000 in Pocket

An estimated 80,000 German soldiers were believed left inside the closing pocket. Their long delay in starting the retreat threatened to cost them heavily in the next few days.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. Third army spearheads already were within 15 miles of Kaiserslautern, where the main escape roads center.

The Germans were reported putting up only sporadic opposition in the pocket. They fought hardest along the northeastern shoulder of the gap to keep open the roads to Mainz and Ludwigshafen, Rhine cities.

Patton's troops early today were only 14 miles southwest of Mainz and about 35 miles north-west of Ludwigshafen. They crossed the Nahe river, main German defensive position on the northern flank of the Rhine-Apalatinate at several points. At last reports the Yanks were moving rapidly south and southeast.

### Siegfried Line Manned

Strong German covering forces were still manning the Siegfried line fortifications along the southern rim of the Saar against the advancing Seventh army in a large-scale delaying action to cover the retreat.

Field dispatches said the Seventh army and French First army troops moving down the Rhine valley, scored gains running to five miles and more today.

## New York Club Owners Keep Places Open as Mayor Acts

New York, March 19 (UP)—The operators of New York's multi-million dollar night time drink, food and entertainment industry beamed today over a one-hour extension of the midnight curfew ordered by Mayor Fiorello La Guardia and placed orders for black ink. But they kept their fingers crossed and cocked both ears toward Washington.

A majority of night clubs, bars and restaurants took advantage of the mayor's modification to remain open until 1 a. m. today. A few operators, mostly hotel men, frankly skeptical, closed their places at midnight in lieu of official word from the capital.

Some of those who took advantage of the delayed closing had qualms about what federal authorities might say. Others expressed no trepidation, feeling that La Guardia must have known what he was doing whether the rest of the country liked it or not (and it didn't).